

J.G. told me 1/23 that he had told Ward to remove line about withdrawal case before release, that Alcock had then told Ward JG wanted line out and Ward had said no, he wanted it in.



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PRESS RELEASE

The release by Attorney General Ramsey Clark of an opinion by a panel of so-called experts which purports to back the findings of the Warren Report on the eve of the trial of Clay Shaw makes it absolutely necessary for us to obtain the photographs and X-rays of the autopsy, as well as the clothing worn by President Kennedy on the day that he was assassinated. Prior to the release of this opinion it was our intention to proceed to trial with or without this material. However, since Ramsey Clark has released only a small portion of the evidence, and only that which favors the defense and the Warren Report, it is absolutely necessary that we obtain that evidence upon which the panel based their opinion of the autopsy before proceeding to trial.

This was another effort by the Federal Government to aid the defense and to stop the prosecution by the State of Louisiana of Clay Shaw. The obvious timing of this release indicates that Attorney General Ramsey Clark was never fit to serve in so high an office of this Country. Proof in

our possession indicates that Kennedy was definitely struck by a bullet from both the front and rear. So-called experts for the defense have examined the reports. Now we would like to have experts who have the opposite opinion -- that is, that there was a bullet entry from the front -- have a like opportunity to examine the autopsy material.

Therefore, I am today filing a motion requesting a continuance of this case to be re-set only after receipt by this office of all of the evidence called for in our subpoenas of the evidence used in the autopsy report and all other evidence secretly held by the Federal government. In the event the Federal government does not honor our subpoenas and blocks our attempt to present all of the evidence, this case cannot be brought to trial. If the case cannot be tried, the people can only look to the efforts of the Attorney General and the Government of the United States and examine their motives in refusing to release all of the evidence.

No one man -- not even the Attorney General -- and no government, except in cases of national emergency, should seek to hide the truth or any evidence from the American people.

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